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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA STUDIES; NATO FORCE DOCUMENT

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1. AT JANUARY 14 WG MEETING, SGDS CHAIRMAN (BRANSON) REPORTED THAT IN RESPONSE TO US REQUEST HE HAD PREPARED A NEW DRAFT PAPER SIMILAR IN FORMAT AND DETAIL TO MCM-80-74. THE DRAFT INCLUDES DATA ON NATO GROUND FORCES FOR PERIOD AND 1973 HOWEVER, DUE TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT AIR MANPOWER DATA AT NATO THE DRAFT DOES NOT INCLUDE MOST AIR MANPOWER STRENGTHS. CHAIRMAN SAID HE CONSULTED SGDS MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY ABOUT THE PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THE NEW DRAFT AND OBTAINED THEIR AGREEMENT TO FORWARD DRAFT TO THEIR AUTHORITIES WITH REQUEST THEY COMPLETE AND UPDATE DATA TO END 1974 AND RETURN DRAFT TO CHAIRMAN BY 21 MARCH. HE EXPLAINED DATE FOR SUBMISSION WAS BASED IN PART ON ESTIMATES BY SOME SGDS

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MEMBERS ON HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE MODS TO PROVIDE AIR DATA. U.S. REP (MCCORMACK) REAFFIRMED INTEREST IN SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATES OF

NATO COMPANION VOLUME TO MCM. CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO TAKE UP THIS QUESTION AFTER FIRST VOLUME IS COMPLETED. ACTION REQUESTED: A. WASHINGTON COMMENT ON NEW DRAFT, AC/276(SGDS)-N/30 POUCHED JANUARY 15 TO DOD MBFR TASK FORCE WITH ADVANCE ACTION COPY FOR OSD/ISA/PF. B. AIR AND GROUND PERSONNEL DATA UPDATED TO END 1974 STATUS AS REQUESTED IN N/30.

2. CHAIRMAN PROVIDED FOLLOWING STATUS REPORT ON OTHER DATA PAPERS. BEGIN TEXT:

A. COMPARISON TABLES RELATING TO NATO AND WARSAW PACT GROUND AND AIR FORCES IN THE NGA

AS A RESULT OF THE LATEST MC 224 CONFERENCE THE DATA SHOWN IN AC/276-D(774)5 AND AC/276-D(74)5/1 ARE OBSOLETE. THE STAFF GROUP HAS REVISED THE DATA TABLES AND WILL BE PUBLISHING THESE BEFORE THE END OF

JANUARY. NATO COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO THE DATA CONCERNING THEIR RESPECTIVE FORCES SHOWN IN THE REVISED TABLES, AND DATA ON PACT FORCES ARE NATO AGREED HAVING BEEN EXTRACTED FROM MCM-86-74, AND MC 224/74(FINAL). DATA ON NSWP FORCES ARE INCOMPLETE SINCE NATO AGREEMENT HAS YET TO BE REACHED CONCERNING THESE FORCES. ON THERE BEING AGREEMENT THE DATA TABLES WILL BE AMENDED WHERE NECESSARY.

B. DATA ON NATO AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES-END-1973

SINCE PUBLISHING AC/276(SGDS)-N/25 FURTHER REFINEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO NATO FORCES DATA. THE DATA ON WARSAW PACT FORCES NEED TO BE REVISED AS A RESULT OF THE MC 224 CONFERENCE BUT CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL NATO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED REGARDING NSWP FORCES. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE BLUE BOOK PROVIDING END 1973 DATA ON GROUND FORCES WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE END MARCH 1975 AT THE EARLIEST (BY WHICH TIME THE IS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED NATIONAL INPUTS UPDATING THE NATO GROUND FORCES DATA TO END 1974).

C. ASSESSMENT OF MANPOWER STRENGTHS OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES IN THE NGA

THE DATA CONTAINED IN AC/276-D(74)6 IS OBSOLETE, CONSEQUENTLY

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AN UPDATED PAPER IS BEING PREPARED BY THE STAFF GROUP BASED ON NATO AGREED INFORMATION. THE REVISED DATA SHOULD BE PUBLISHED BY 21 JANUARY.

D. WARSAW PACT AND NATO FORCES IN THE NGA

MCM-86-74 CONTAINS NATO AGREED INTELLIGENCE DATA ON WARSAW PACT GROUND AND AIR FORCES IN THE NGA FOR PERIOD MID-1974, FOR USE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF STUDIES AND POSITION PAPERS FOR PURPOSES OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

END TEXT.

3. CHAIRMAN ALSO REQUESTED THAT MEMBERS PROVIDE BY JANUARY 21 CONFIRMATION OF TOTAL GROUND AND AIRMAN MANPOWER FIGURES IN NGA AS OF END 1974. COMMENT: UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY, MISSION WILL PROVIDE STANDARD FIGURES FOR U.S. OF 193,000 GROUND AND 34,000 AIR. BRUCE

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